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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT			
SUBJECT Russian Attaches Accredited to Argentina		FROM (Agency) Argentina	
AREA REPORTED ON Argentina	DATE OF INFORMATION 22 September 1954	DIA Declassification/Release Instructions on File B-2	
SOURCE 1. Col. C. V. Greffet, Asst Air Attache		Personal Contact	
REFERENCES (Citation Number, Director, previous report, etc. as applicable)			
SUMMARY: <i>Write concise summary of report. Give significance in point one-sentence paragraph. Give references at lower left. Begin text of report on line 1. Do not</i>			
<p>1. The social conduct of the two Russian Attaches accredited to Argentina, Captain NIKOLAI PEROV and Lieutenant Commander ALEXANDER MOROSOV, has been the subject of frequent comment since their arrival here — principally because of their friendly Attitude. Whereas previously, Russian Attaches seemed to avoid social contact, now they appear to seek it. At social functions, Captain PEROV seems to pay particular attention to the Argentines, especially Vicecomodoro PITES and Comandante LLORENS, the chief of the Argentine Air Force Intelligence Section and Foreign Liaison Officer respectively.</p> <p>2. According to Comandante LLORENS, it is the desire of the Argentine Air Force to solicit friendly contact with the Russian Attaches, ostensibly to be in a better position to watch their activities. LLORENS, in his jovial but sincere manner, frequently relates the high points of his conversations with PEROV to the U.S. Air Attaches. Of particular interest are PEROV's comments to LLORENS regarding the present negotiations between Argentina and the Atlas Corporation for the development of the petroleum industry here. PEROV contends that Argentina would be better off if they used Russian technicians instead of U.S. businessmen in this oil venture. PEROV also pointed out that most of Argentina's drilling equipment is from Russia. (Some drilling equipment was imported from Russia during recent months; however, it is not thought to be a substantial amount nor is it of modern design).</p> <p>3. PEROV frequently asks LLORENS to facilitate introductions to various Air Force officers since it apparently is his, PEROV's, desire to make as many Air Force contacts as possible. LLORENS laughs off PEROV's social efforts; however, he has been so persistent, aggressive and "western" in his approach that there is no doubt that he is exhibiting some sort of "new approach". At a recent social function, 30 July, given by the Attache Association, Captain PEROV kept himself busy dancing with all the Latin ladies, quite a departure from the Russian Attaches' previous reserved and offish manner.</p> <p>4. LLORENS and PITES together with one other Air Force Officer and one Commissioned officer are commencing Russian language classes this week which are being sponsored by the Russian Embassy. LLORENS states that the Argentine Air Force participation in this program is in line with their program to keep the Russian activities under surveillance.</p> <p>COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:</p> <p>5. The Russian Attaches have been unusually friendly and courteous toward the U.S. Air Attache, so much so on occasions that a conscious effort must be made to limit contact so as to avoid possible unfavorable comment.</p>			
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